

The City of Springfield Ohio

Dear Affected Property Owner:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has updated its Flood Rate Insurance Maps and requires that the City of Springfield adopt these maps. FEMA recently completed a multi-year project aimed at re-examining flood zones and developing detailed, digital flood hazard maps throughout North America. The City did not initiate these changes. FEMA has initiated these changes and the City must adopt these maps in order to allow Springfield property owners to continue to purchase flood insurance.

You are receiving this letter because your property or a portion of your property has been affected in some way by the new preliminary maps. Some properties that were identified previously in a flood hazard area have been removed, while others that were not previously in a flood hazard area have been added.

FEMA placed notification of these map changes in the Springfield News Sun on January 18th and 25th. Although FEMA does not require the City to do so, City staff is notifying you mail to let you know that you are affected by revisions to the flood zone maps.

If you are being added to the flood hazard area you should contact you home insurance provider as soon as possible to learn about potential flood insurance options available to you. It may be possible for you to obtain less expensive flood insurance if you purchase it prior to the adoption of these maps.

Please feel free to visit our office and view the new maps and we can discuss the map changes and how they may impact you. Our office is located at:

**76 E. High Street – Second Floor
Springfield, OH 45502**

You may comment by way of protest or appeal of the preliminary maps over the next 90 days – until April 25, 2009. If you wish to file a protest or appeal, you must submit such petition to the City Floodplain Administrator, which is Heather Whitmore or Leo Shanayda, before April 25, 2009.

Because these maps are in a preliminary form, we are in the process of documenting comments for submission to FEMA. We will be finalizing these comments over the next couple of months. If you cannot visit our office during this period, please feel free to contact me with any questions at 937-324-7372.

Respectfully,
Heather Whitmore, AICP, Planning & Zoning Administrator
City of Springfield